

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:  
accessing a database of data streams by at least one server to create a plurality of  
personalized internet radio stations for broadcast to a plurality of users, each of  
said personalized internet radio station for broadcast to one individual user of said  
plurality of individual users and having an individualized playlist that is created  
exclusively for said individual user and identifying at least one data stream  
selected from said database for broadcast as said individual user's personalized  
internet radio station;  
selecting, by said at least one server, said at least one data stream for said individualized  
playlist, said at least one data stream of said individualized playlist for broadcast  
over a computer network to a computer for said [[an]] individual user ~~computer as~~  
said individual user's [[a]] personalized internet radio station, said at least one  
data stream being selected from said database according to a selection method  
performed by said at least one server to create said [[a]] playlist of data streams  
exclusively for said individual user's personalized internet radio station using said  
individual user's preferences for data streams, said selection method performed  
by said at least one server being influenced by ~~input received from said individual~~  
~~user that comprises~~ said individual user's preferences for data streams to be  
~~broadcast~~ but not controlled by said individual user's data stream preferences  
~~input~~ so as to prevent an on-demand selection of data streams by the at least one  
server for broadcast to said individual user based on said individual user's data  
stream preferences;  
transmitting, by said at least one server, said at least one selected data stream to said  
~~individual user computer as said~~ personalized internet radio station broadcast for  
said individual user ~~from said at least one server~~ via said network;  
receiving, by said at least one server, feedback via said network ~~at said at least one~~  
~~server,~~ said feedback expressing a[[n individual user]] preference of said

individual user regarding at least one of said transmitted at least one data stream;  
and

reutilizing, by said at least one server, updating said selection method in response to  
receiving using said ~~individual user~~ preference of said individual user,  
said reutilizing said updated selection method performed by said at least one server  
comprising selecting one or more biases selection of said data streams for said  
playlist for broadcast as part of to be experienced at said individual user's  
personalized internet radio station, said selecting being made computer in  
accordance with said individual user's data stream preferences, including said  
received preference, and limiting limits said individual user's control over  
selection of particular data streams from said database to prevent said on-demand  
selection of data streams.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:  
~~performing said selection method by said at least one server to select a plurality of data~~  
~~streams from said database to generate a playlist of data streams to be transmitted~~  
~~to said individual user computer;~~  
~~transmitting by said at least one server one data stream from said playlist of data streams~~  
~~to said individual user computer via said network; and~~  
performing said step of reutilizing updating by said at least one server to update said  
individualized user's playlist of data streams using said individual user  
preferences while a data stream selected for said personalized internet radio  
station is being experienced by said individual user at said computer.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, the steps further comprising:  
receiving by said at least one server via said network feedback expressing preferences  
from sources other than said individual user.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 3, wherein the step of receiving preferences  
from sources other than said individual user further comprises:

receiving by said at least one server via said network feedback expressing preferences from the group consisting of other users, commercial radio stations, and lists of popular songs.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:  
informing said individual user generally regarding said database and said data streams;  
querying said individual user as to initial individual user preferences and then performing  
said step of selecting at least one data stream from said database to generate an  
initial transmission list of data streams, said initial transmission list being selected  
using said initial individual user preferences and said selection method.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein said data streams are selected  
from the group consisting of songs and videos.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 2, wherein a said transmitted data stream  
selected for said playlist is removed from said transmission playlist after it is broadcast to  
said computer.
8. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 7, wherein said data stream removed from  
said transmission playlist is listed on a transmitted data stream list.
9. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein ~~said step of transmitting one of  
said data streams further comprises transmitting said one of said data streams selected by  
said selection method;~~ said selection method taking into account sound recording  
performance restrictions in data stream selection.
10. (Cancelled)
11. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

~~at least one server connected to a computer network, said computer network connected to an individual user computer;~~

~~a database of media content data streams, said database available to said computer network;~~

at least one server connected to a computer network, said at least one server accessing said database to create a plurality of personalized internet radio stations for broadcast to a plurality of users, each of said personalized internet radio station for broadcast to one individual user of said plurality of individual users and having an individualized playlist that is created exclusively for said individual user and identifying at least one data stream selected from said database for broadcast as said individual user's personalized internet radio station;

a data stream controller coupled to said at least one server, said data stream controller transmitting media content data streams to said individual user at a computer connected to said network according to a selection program performed by said at least one server to select data streams for broadcast over said computer network to said ~~individual user~~ computer as said individual user's personalized internet radio station;

said selection program used in selecting media content data streams for said individual user's playlist, said individual user's playlist for transmission to said computer for said individual user ~~computer~~ via said data stream controller as said individual user's ~~[[a]]~~ personalized internet radio station ~~for said individual user,~~ said selection program receiving feedback via said computer network indicating a preference corresponding to at least one of the media content data streams from said individual user, said selection program performed by said at least one server being influenced but not controlled by said individual user preferences, said selection program using said individual user preferences to ~~[[bias]]~~ select~~[[ion of]]~~ data streams to be experienced at said individual user computer and limiting said individual user's control over selection of data streams from said database to prevent an on-demand selection of said data streams by said at least one server for transmission to said individual user based on data stream preferences.

12. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 11, wherein said computer network comprises the Internet.
13. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 11, wherein said database is a song database and the data streams are songs.
14. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 11, wherein said database is a music video database and the data streams are music videos.
15. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 11, wherein said media content data streams are to be experienced via an electronic media player.
16. (Cancelled)
17. (Cancelled)
18. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim [[17]] 11, wherein said selection program modifies said playlist of data streams for transmission to said individual user according to said individual user preferences.
19. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 11, ~~further comprising:~~  
~~said data stream controller transmitting said data streams selected by said selection~~  
~~program;~~ said selection program taking into account sound recording performance restrictions.
20. (Cancelled)
21. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

at least one server that executes code to generate a plurality of personalized internet radio stations for broadcast to a plurality of users, each of said personalized internet radio station for broadcast to one individual user of said plurality of individual users and having an individualized playlist that is generated exclusively for said individual user and identifying at least one data stream selected from said database for broadcast as said individual user's personalized internet radio station, said at least one server to further provide:

a rating tool, said rating tool receiving individual user preferences regarding one or more data streams played at a ~~[[n]] computer for said~~ individual user ~~computer~~ by a media player, said individual user preferences comprising said individual user's ratings associated with said one or more data streams; and

a playlist generator, said playlist generator generating said [[a]] playlist by identifying data streams to be experienced by said [[an]] individual user as said individual user's [[a]] personalized internet radio station using said media player, said playlist generator selecting data streams for inclusion in [[on]] said playlist according to said individual user preferences received from said individual user, ~~said playlist generator biasing selection in accordance with said individual user preference~~ and limiting said individual user's control over data stream selection to prevent an on-demand selection of a data stream by said at least one server for broadcast to said individual user based on data stream preferences.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Previously Presented) An apparatus of Claim 21, further comprising:  
said playlist generator further selecting data streams in accordance with sound recording performance restrictions.

24. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

accessing a database of data streams by at least one server to create a plurality of personalized internet radio stations for broadcast to a plurality of users, each of said personalized internet radio station for broadcast to one individual user of said plurality of individual users and having an individualized playlist that is created exclusively for said individual user and identifying at least one data stream selected from said database for broadcast as said individual user's personalized internet radio station;

selecting, by said at least one server, at least one data stream for said individualized playlist, said at least one data stream of said individualized playlist for broadcast over a computer network to a computer for said [[an]] individual user computer as [[a]] said individual user's personalized internet radio station, said at least one data stream being selected from said database according to a selection method performed by said at least one server to create said [[a]] playlist of data streams exclusively for said individual user's personalized internet radio station using said individual user's preferences for data streams, said selection method performed by said at least one server being influenced by ~~input received from said individual user that comprises~~ said individual user preferences for data streams to be broadcast but not controlled by said individual user's data stream preferences input so as to prevent an on-demand selection of data streams by said at least one server for broadcast to said individual user based on said individual user's data stream preferences;

transmitting, by said at least one server, said at least one selected data stream to said individual user computer as said personalized internet radio station broadcast for said individual user from said at least one server via said network;

receiving, by said at least one server, feedback via said network ~~at said at least one server,~~ said feedback expressing a [[n individual user]] preference of said individual user regarding at least one of said transmitted at least one data stream; and

reutilizing, by said at least one server, updating said selection method in response to receiving using said individual user preference of said individual user, said

reutilizing said updated selection method comprising selecting one or more performed by said at least one server biases selection of said data streams for said playlist for broadcast as part of to be experienced at said individual user's personalized internet radio station, said selection being made computer in accordance with said individual user's data stream preferences, including said received preference, taking into account user input identifying those data streams that are to be excluded from being selected for transmission to said individual user computer, and limiting limits said individual user's control over selection of particular data streams from said database to prevent said on-demand selection of data streams.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 24, further comprising:  
performing said selection method by said at least one server to select a plurality of data streams from said database to generate a playlist of data streams to be transmitted to said individual user computer;  
transmitting by said at least one server one data stream from said playlist of data streams to said individual user computer via said network; and  
performing said step of reutilizing updating by said at least one server to update said playlist of data streams using said individual user preferences while a data stream selected for said personalized internet radio station is being experienced by said individual user at said computer.
26. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 24, the steps further comprising:  
receiving by said at least one server via said network feedback expressing preferences from sources other than said individual user.
27. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 26, wherein the step of receiving preferences from sources other than said individual user further comprises:



receiving by said at least one server via said network feedback expressing preferences from the group consisting of other users, commercial radio stations, and lists of popular songs.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 24, further comprising:  
informing said individual user generally regarding said database and said data streams;  
querying said individual user as to initial individual user preferences and then performing  
said step of selecting at least one data stream from said database to generate an  
initial transmission list of data streams, said initial transmission list being selected  
using said initial individual user preferences and said selection method.
29. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 24, wherein said data streams are selected  
from the group consisting of songs and videos.
30. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 25, wherein ~~a said transmitted~~ data stream  
selected for said playlist is removed from said ~~transmission~~ playlist after it is broadcast to  
said computer.
31. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 30, wherein said data stream removed from  
said ~~transmission~~ playlist is listed on a transmitted data stream list.
32. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 24, wherein ~~said step of transmitting one of~~  
~~said data streams further comprises transmitting said one of said data streams selected by~~  
~~said selection method~~, said selection method taking into account sound recording  
performance restrictions in data stream selection.
33. (Cancelled)
34. (Cancelled)

35. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

~~at least one server connected to a computer network, said computer network connected to an individual user computer;~~

a database of media content data streams,~~said database available to said computer network;~~

at least one server connected to a computer network, said at least one server accessing said database to create a plurality of personalized internet radio stations for broadcast to a plurality of users, each of said personalized internet radio station for broadcast to one individual user of said plurality of individual users and having an individualized playlist that is created exclusively for said individual user and identifying at least one data stream selected from said database for broadcast as said individual user's personalized internet radio station;

a data stream controller coupled to said at least one server, said data stream controller transmitting media content data streams to said individual user at a computer connected to said network according to a selection program performed by said at least one server to select data streams for broadcast over said computer network to said ~~individual user~~ computer as said individual user's personalized internet radio station;

said selection program used in selecting media content data streams for said individual user's playlist, said individual user's playlist for transmission to said computer for said individual user ~~computer~~ via said data stream controller as said individual user's [[a]] personalized internet radio station ~~for said individual user~~, said selection program receiving feedback via said computer network indicating a preference corresponding to at least one of the media content data streams from said individual user, said selection program performed by said at least one server being influenced but not controlled by said individual user preferences, said selection program using said individual user preferences to [[bias]] select[[ion of]] data streams to be experienced at said individual user computer, taking into account individual user input identifying those data streams that to be excluded from being selected for transmission to said individual user computer, and

limiting said individual user's control over selection of data streams from said database to prevent an on-demand selection of a particular data stream by said at least one server for transmission to said individual user based on data stream preferences.

36. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 35, wherein said computer network comprises the Internet.
37. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 35, wherein said database is a song database and the data streams are songs.
38. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 35, wherein said database is a music video database and the data streams are music videos.
39. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 35, wherein said media content data streams are to be experienced via an electronic media player.
40. (Cancelled)
41. (Cancelled)
42. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim ~~[[41]]~~ 35, wherein said selection program modifies said playlist of data streams for transmission to said individual user according to said individual user preferences.
43. (Currently Amended) The system as set forth in Claim 35, ~~further comprising:~~  
~~said data stream controller transmitting said data streams selected by said selection~~  
~~program,~~ said selection program taking into account sound recording performance restrictions.

44. (Cancelled)

45. (Cancelled)

46. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

at least one server that executes code to generate a plurality of personalized internet radio stations for broadcast to a plurality of users, each of said personalized internet radio station for broadcast to one individual user of said plurality of individual users and having an individualized playlist that is generated exclusively for said individual user and identifying at least one data stream selected from said database for broadcast as said individual user's personalized internet radio station, said at least one server to further provide:

a rating tool, said rating tool receiving individual user preferences regarding one or more data streams played at a computer for said individual user ~~computer~~ by a media player, said individual user preferences comprising said individual user's ratings associated with said one or more data streams; and

a playlist generator, said playlist generator generating said [[a]] playlist by identifying data streams to be experienced by said [[an]] individual user as said individual user's [[a]] personalized internet radio station using said media player, said playlist generator selecting data streams for inclusion in [[on]] said playlist according to said individual user preferences received from said individual user, ~~said playlist generator biasing selection in accordance with said individual user preferences,~~ taking into account individual user input identifying those data streams that are to be excluded from being selected for transmission to said individual user computer, and limiting said individual user's control over data stream selection to prevent an on-demand selection of a data stream by said at least one server for broadcast to said individual user based on data stream preferences.

47. (Cancelled)
48. (Previously Presented) An apparatus of Claim 46, further comprising:  
said playlist generator further selecting data streams in accordance with being in  
compliance with sound recording performance restrictions.